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Mr. Mark Scott
City of Fresno
Chief Administrative Officer
City Hall
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, California 93721

Dear Mr. Scott:

Over the past several years, our Society has been pleased to serve the City of Fresno as its contracted animal control agency. We believe we achieved the service model that many community leaders have sought. We provided consolidated services to both the City of Fresno and the County of Fresno, and on an outsourced contract basis. We provided cost effective and responsive services at a time of diminishing budgetary resources.

However, over the past few months your City Council members have stated their desire for a different service model. They have indicated a need to have more direct control over the operations by including elected officials on our Board of Directors, and by mandating public entity open meeting arrangements upon our Board deliberations.

As you know, the terms of our service contract requires that we provide the City with monthly and annual service reports, as well as monthly and annual fiscal reports and audited financial statements. We are also required to provide copies of complaints regarding the services we have provided. We believe that through these reports the City has the tools it needs to ensure public accountability for the dollars it expends. We have, in compiling and releasing the information, attempted to adhere to the strictures imposed by the City contract, which requires our Board to approve the reports prior to distribution to the City and which also prohibits our release of these reports to any individual or organization without the City's prior written approval.

The Board has considered the issues and contract reports that are provided and believe that no change is needed to our Board structure or its meeting policies to attain the accountability that the elected officials desire. We firmly believe that our Board meetings should be conducted under a business model and not a political entity model.

G. L. "GIB" RAMBO
EDUCATION CENTER

CC/SPCA MISSION STATEMENT

Our MISSION is to Prevent Cruelty to Animals and Promote the Quality of Life of all Creatures through Rescue, Protection, Placement, Education, Leadership and Good Example.

Kindness

Builds

Character

Cruelty

Destroys

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We believe a political entity model would be injurious to our ability to have effective solution oriented deliberations. Our Board is comprised of local citizen volunteers who are dedicated to our Society's animal protection mission, and who are not interested in public policy debates.

For that reason, we reconfirm our intent to not turn our private board meetings into public speech forums.

The controversy about our meeting policies had, as its catalyst, complaints by individuals who are opposed to the euthanasia that our Society has been required to conduct. Unfortunately, those criticisms were given inappropriate credence by elected officials who sought media opportunities to criticize our Board, our management, and our staff. This circumstance has not fostered a positive partnership arrangement. Your City officials have, in our judgment, acted without regard to the communication mechanisms set forth in the Contract, without regard to the contract reports procedures mandated by the City, and in disregard of the service levels that the contract arrangements intend to fund.

As a result of these circumstances, we have also engaged in a reexamination of our Society's current focus. We have concluded that the duties and obligations of a contracted animal control agency have led us away from the focus on our core mission which is dedicated to animal protection. We intend to rededicate ourselves to the animal rescue and animal protection advocacy which is our long standing purpose.

Therefore, pursuant to Section V-1 of our Contract, please consider this letter our written notice of Contract Termination. Under the terms of that section, the contract termination will take effect one-hundred eighty days following the date of this written notice of termination without cause, with the effective date of termination being September 30, 2012. If an Event of Non-Appropriation or other earlier contract termination event occurs, we reserve the right to exercise earlier termination based on those circumstances. However, it is our goal to focus our mutual energies on transitioning the contracted service duties to the City staff or its future contract vendor.

Please also be aware that pursuant to Section IV-1(d) of the Contract, we are providing this written request for funding for that portion of the remaining contract term that will continue into the City's next fiscal year. On that basis, and because of the partial fiscal year term, our request is limited to \$585,280.00, plus reimbursement for emergency services and unrecovered costs in accordance with Section 3 of Exhibit B to the Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$8,399.00, plus \$15,875.00 for the costs of two License Investigator positions through the end of the remaining contract term.

If you have any questions about the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

The Central California Society for
the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and
Fresno County Humane Society, Inc.

By: 

Contract Proposal July 1, 2012 - September 30, 2012

Operating Expenses	Total	City 75%
Salaries	\$ 385,823	\$ 289,367
Health Insurance	\$ 75,413	\$ 56,560
Pension Plan	\$ 17,194	\$ 12,895
Payroll Taxes	\$ 36,997	\$ 27,748
Worker's Comp	\$ 41,579	\$ 31,184
Laundry - Uniforms	\$ 2,047	\$ 1,535
Sub Total	\$ 559,053	\$ 419,290
Services & Supplies		
Accounting & Audit	\$ 12,346	\$ 9,260
Vehicle Replacement	\$ 13,957	\$ 10,468
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 9,305	\$ 6,979
Fuel	\$ 22,891	\$ 17,168
Rental Expense	\$ 12,080	\$ 9,060
Enforcement Supplies	\$ 2,453	\$ 1,840
First Aid	\$ 386	\$ 289
Animal Food	\$ 6,250	\$ 4,687
Freezer Rental	\$ 10,720	\$ 8,040
Insurance - Auto Policy	\$ 11,922	\$ 8,941
Insurance Business Package	\$ 13,766	\$ 10,325
Insurance - Umbrella	\$ 4,967	\$ 3,725
Uniforms	\$ 1,644	\$ 1,233
Office Supplies	\$ 4,096	\$ 3,072
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 5,696	\$ 4,272
Kennel Supplies	\$ 3,102	\$ 2,326
Telephone	\$ 12,481	\$ 9,361
Radio Communications	\$ 2,729	\$ 2,047
Utilities	\$ 28,896	\$ 21,672
Euthanasia	\$ 11,042	\$ 8,282
Vaccinations	\$ 16,291	\$ 12,218
Sewer Expense	\$ 3,406	\$ 2,555
Garbage	\$ 2,366	\$ 1,775
Veterinarian	\$ 23,490	\$ 17,618
Medical Supplies	\$ 2,232	\$ 1,674
Academy Training	\$ 374	\$ 281
Computer System	\$ 2,186	\$ 1,639
Shelter Buddies Software	\$ 4,570	\$ 3,428
Sub Total	\$ 245,644	\$ 184,233
Animal Control Services Manager	\$ 10,819	\$ 10,819
Rabies Control Officer	\$ 14,600	\$ 14,600
Sub Total	\$ 25,419	\$ 25,419
Total	\$ 830,116	\$ 628,942
Less Revenue (Animal sales/boardin	\$ 58,215.56	\$ 43,662
Total	\$ 771,900	\$ 585,280
County Rural Officers	\$ 64,797.25	
Total	\$ 836,698	\$ 585,280
Penal Code 597 F Emergency	8,399	\$ 8,399
Total	845,096	
2 License Investigators	15,875	\$ 15,875
Grand Total	\$ 860,971	\$ 609,554